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In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, embodiment 1 (Fig. 2) for initial examination in this application. Claims 1 and 3-8 read on the elected embodiment.

Applicant traverses the election requirement since all of embodiments 1 and 2 are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for embodiment 1 should encompass a thorough and complete search for embodiment 2.

Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the

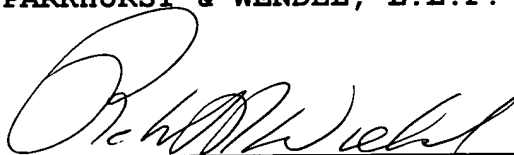
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search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicant and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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